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Matthew Patton miraculously had his cat Alexander, who had been missing for nearly three years, returned to him safely by the city.

Cat comes back

Feline missing for almost 3 years returned to family

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"I couldn't believe it when the city called us on Tuesday and said they found our cat. We thought for sure he was dead."
Matthew Patton, owner

The cat came back — it just wasn't the very next day.

They thought he was a goner, but the cat returned after almost three years, much to the surprise of a 25-year-old Calgary man and his family.

Matthew Patton said his family's five-year-old cat Alexander went astray from their Rundle home in September 2007 and they hadn't seen him since.

"I couldn't believe it when the city called us on Tuesday and said they found our cat. We thought for sure he was dead because it wasn't like him to go missing, especially for that long," Patton said.

Patton said they were even more stunned to find out the cat had been wearing the same collar.

"It's the one he left the house with. I would think if someone had him all this time, they would have changed his collar or something. It's odd," he said.

Besides matted fur and a few scruffs, the now seven-year-old cat is in good condition and instantly recognized his family.

"He knew it was us as soon as he saw us. He was purring and rubbing against our hands. He was happy to see us. We're just really glad to have him back."

Patton said he and his brother, who now live in Mayland Heights, will keep a close eye on the mischievous feline.

Bylaw boss Bill Bruce said while finding a missing pet after some time is rare, it does happen once in a while.

"It's the power of identification. But it makes us feel really good when we can get those pets back to owners, especially after some time. It's great to see the owner's excitement," Bruce said.

2 suspects sought in C-Train stabbing

CRIME Police are still looking for two aboriginal men, with three people already in custody, after a triple stabbing on a northeast C-Train platform Tuesday evening.

Police say the assault occurred at the Bridgeland LRT station after a confrontation between two groups.

Two men and one woman were already on the train when four men boarded at Centre Street station, according to police.

Just before stopping, two members of the first group approached the others and a brawl ensued, police said.

Two men were treated on scene and later taken to hospital. Police later found one wounded man just outside the Calgary Zoo.

An "edged weapon" was recovered by police, according to spokesperson Kevin Brookwell.

Police are dismissing any concern over safety on the LRT line.

"I think what's really important is this altercation could have happened anywhere," said Brookwell.

He said the incident was not drug- or gang-related, and police are "still trying to establish what prompted the fight."

Brookwell said not enough evidence has been collected at this time for charges to be laid.

The incident comes on the heels of a Statistics Canada report highlighting Calgary as a hotbed of knife-related crime.

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Spring storm not letting up

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Calgarians are bracing for even more snow today after enduring one of the city's trademark spring snowstorms, though the city is largely taking it in stride.

City of Calgary Road Maintenance and Services scrambled to outfit their trucks for winter conditions, diverting them from spring cleanup operations, said spokesperson Sean Somers. Salt and calcium chloride are being used to melt the snow.

He said drivers shouldn't worry because the residual temperature in the pavement remains above freezing, meaning morning commuters should have no problems.

"The commute (today) should be fine," said Somers.

Airport staff are going through their snowstorm procedures and Jodie Moseley of the Calgary Airport Authority confirms they will be able to keep the runways clear, however, "airlines will have to make a decision" regarding flight delays.

Some airlines were reported to have delayed or cancelled flights out of Calgary during the height of yesterday's snowfall.

Moseley recommends people leave extra time to drive in the morning to avoid missing flights.

Calgary Water Services expects river flow rates to remain normal. They say there is no concern over river flooding at these levels. The city is reminding people to slow down, drive defensively and allow city crews to do their work tomorrow.

Environment Canada said Calgary can expect an additional five to 10 centimetres today, with winds gusting to 90 km/h at times. The forecast does look better moving into next week, with highs of 16 C expected on Monday.

SHELBY BORYS/FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgarians shielded themselves from Mother Nature's onslaught as a massive spring snowstorm hit the city and is expected to continue through today.

Anti-abortion club at U of C facing disciplinary hearings

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

"We hope (the University) will recognize that we haven't broken any rules."
Alanna Campbell, Pro Life Club

PROTESTS Eight members of the U of C Campus Pro Life Club (CPL) are facing individual closed-door hearings without legal representation for non-academic misconduct charges in relation to their latest pro-life display, they said yesterday.

The CPL was told they failed to comply with campus security when they refused to turn their signs inwards, says CPL president Alanna Campbell.

However, written notice of the apparent violation was never received by the club, she says.

"We hope (the University) will recognize that we haven't broken any rules," says Campbell. "We want them to reconsider the disciplinary action."

This is the ninth time the CPL's pro-life display, the "Genocide Awareness Project," has been exhibited on campus since 2006. Comparing abortion to events such as the Holocaust and the Rwandan genocide, the display is often met with strong emotion.

According to a Student's Union (SU) spokesperson, the University does not have jurisdiction to disband the club.

They do have the power to charge the students on an individual basis, with the possible outcome of expulsion.

"The (CPL) has never broken any of our club by-laws," says the SU spokesperson. "As long as they continue to comply, we will sanction them."

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Airdrie crash victim dies in hospital

COLLISION The 28-year-old female passenger involved in a motor vehicle collision Saturday outside of Airdrie died in a Calgary hospital, said police.

The 31-year-old driver, her four-month-old-son and the 28-year-old passenger were struck in their Hyundai Elantra head-on by a red GMC pickup truck.

The collision occurred at approximately 7 p.m. on Highway 566 between Range Road 11 and Range Road 12.

The 30-year-old male driver of the pickup has been treated for non-life-threatening injuries at a Calgary hospital.

Road conditions at the time of the collision were slushy and slippery. It is still unknown whether reduced visibility due to falling snow was a factor in the crash.

Police are asking that anyone with information on the driving pattern of the red GMC truck prior to the collision contact Const. Fetterman at (403) 945-7207.

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Simon and Garfunkel Pengrowth concert changed to July 5

A vocal strain recently sustained by Art Garfunkel has forced the postponement of Simon and Garfunkel's April and May tour dates. Because of this, their date at the Pengrowth Saddledome has been changed to July 5. Tickets can still be purchased at ticketmaster.ca. METRO CALGARY

Wanted man believed in area

WARRANT Police are seeking a man on a Canada-wide warrant for a statutory release violation and for one count of robbery in Calgary.

Jesse George Sprayson, 33, of no-fixed address is believed to be in Calgary or surrounding areas, including Strathmore or Airdrie.

He is described as Caucasian, approximately six-feet-tall and about 195 pounds. He has a darker complexion, dark hair, and tattoos on his neck and right arm. METRO CALGARY

Teen girl gets OK for football tryout

ROCKY MOUNTAIN A teenage girl who was told she couldn't try out for a boys' football team will now get a chance to play after an Alberta school division intervened.

The girl from Rocky Mountain House, Alta., was originally told by the team's coach she couldn't try out. But after the school principal and the school division received word of the incident, they stepped in and overturned the decision. METRO CALGARY

Youth give city passing grade

No A's, as three key areas of concern highlighted in report

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B's and C's were the grades given to the city by Calgary's youth in an overall good report card but there are areas for improvement, according to the results.

The Youth Vital Signs 2010 report gave youth between 12 and 24 years old a voice while replicating past Calgary Foundation's Vital Signs reports grading the city in key areas.

"We know youth have valid opinions, good ideas and a concern for the future of their communities," Calgary Foundation's Eva Friesen said.

The report involved 1,235 youth across the city from different schools, programs and online and asked them to grade 12 key areas and overall the youth gave five B's and seven C's overall.

The report highlighted three key areas of concern: Better transportation, more affordable recreation and more affordable education.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Grade 12 students Elisea De Somma and Kaiz Alarakyia show off the B and C grades yesterday given by Calgary youth in the 2010 Youth Vital Signs Report.

Report card

- Arts scene: C +
- Health & Well being: B
- Youth housing & homelessness: C
- Youth spaces: B –
- Safety: C +
- Youth voice: C
- Education: B
- Going green: C +
- Recreation & sports: B
- Transportation: C +
- Culture: B –
- Employment & training: C +

Grade 12 student Elisea de Somma said she believes better transportation is one of the biggest areas for improvement for youth but also for the entire city.

Kaiz Alarakyia said that while students graded recreation high, their concern is the cost of the services.

"We think there are great facilities but we can't afford them. We think a simple solution would be to have student pricing, much like for transit passes," he said.

Killed workers remembered at memorial

SAFETY Alberta workers deserve better.

That's the message Calgarian Julie Hamilton shared yesterday during the 26th annual national Day of Mourning memorial at James Short Park. Hamilton lost her 19-year-old son Tim to a workplace accident in 1999 and she says since then there have been 1,400 workplace deaths in Alberta.

"I'm here to say we deserve better and Albertans deserve better. There have been 140 workplace deaths in 2009 and that is 140 too many," Hamilton said.

Organizer Rosemary Lindsay said she can relate to this year's theme 'Life is not the same' because she was injured at work and her life has been forever changed.

Both the Alberta Liberal Party and the New Democrats called on the province to release a list of employers putting workers at risk.

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Province cuts camping services

RECREATION The Alberta government is cutting services and campsites at 19 provincial parks and recreation areas to save money.

Campgrounds and recreation areas won't be open as long and some services will be reduced at seven provincial parks and recreation areas.

Eight campgrounds will be converted to day-use only sites, but access for fishing and boating will continue.

Four low-use sites will be closed.

In total, about 239 campsites, or less than two per cent of all provincial campsites, will be closed for the season. METRO CALGARY

News in brief

POT PARADE The sixth annual Calgary Worldwide Marijuana March will bring enthusiasts to Calgary City Hall steps on Saturday at 1 p.m. The march is held the first Saturday of May every year, but the second Saturday has been added in case the weather is bad. The march will take place in over 300 cities across the world. METRO CALGARY

Teaming up to clean up

Students, community join forces to pick up litter

PETER MCCARTNEY
for Metro Calgary

Students from three northeast Calgary schools teamed with emergency services personnel and community leaders to pitch in and clean up their neighbourhood.

The students, from Lester B. Pearson High School, Clarence Sansom School and St. Rose of Lima Junior High, gathered with police, EMS, other city workers and politicians collecting garbage around the Village Square Leisure Centre and shopping mall.

Const. Paban Dhaliwal, resource officer at Lester B. Pearson, said the event builds community spirit.

"The students are getting a sense of ownership, they are a part of this community," said Dhaliwal, "they live in this community and they can be proud of this area."

One student, Tyler Dufour, enjoyed working with community members.

"It's good that everyone is out here. It gets done faster if everyone helps out," said Dufour.

MLA Manmeet Bhullar, Ward 5 Ald. Ray Jones, and Minister of Children and Youth Services Yvonne Fritz attended the cleanup.

"Even when I attended this school, it was very important for students to be engaged. This is showing them grassroots engagement. It shows them small steps can lead to meaningful change," said Bhullar.

SHELBY BORYSYON/METRO CALGARY

Colton Ethier and Adam Eid of Lester B. Pearson High School volunteer to clear the area outside Village Square Leisure and Shopping centre during a community cleanup event yesterday in partnership with the City of Calgary.

Group calls for smoking ban in provincial parks

JESSICA PICHE
for Metro Calgary

HEALTH Alberta health groups are pushing for a smoking ban in provincial parks, starting with those with fire bans already in effect.

Beyond the adverse health effects second hand smoke causes, many Alberta wildfires are ignited by smoking-related material, the groups say. Six per cent of all fires in Alberta parks between 1996 and 2005 were due to careless smoking.

"A total ban on smoking in provincial parks sounds unnecessary," says smoker Dan Pousette.

"In the long term I think it's a bad move for health ... it will keep a large number of people out of the wilderness and fresh air.

"I'd love to see parks free of cigarette butts though."

Alberta Provincial Parks open May 1. Currently 15 provincial parks and recreation areas have fire bans in place.

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Teen dies at football practice

RIMBEY A Grade 9 student in central Alberta has died while running laps during football practice.

Corey Walsh, 16, died Monday after collapsing on the field at Rimbey Junior Senior High School.

Reports say Walsh had an underlying medical condition that both the school and his family were aware of.

More than 300 people have joined a Facebook memorial page for the teen.

One person wrote that Walsh was loved by many and brought smiles and laughter to everyone.

His friends say the community of Rimbey is in mourning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quebec climbers rescued on U.S. peak

Mount Rainier National Park rangers in Washington state have rescued two Quebec climbers who called for help after falling near Camp Muir — about the 3,000-metre level of the 4,392-metre mountain. Both showed signs of hypothermia and were flown to hospital. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada

'Sexy Rexy' to wed

Dancer Rex Harrington — nicknamed "Sexy Rexy" — is getting married. The National Ballet of Canada says Harrington and his partner Robert Hope, right, plan to wed in the summer of 2011. The couple have been together for six years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Galloway taunted by Canada: lawyer

FREE SPEECH Lawyers for a British MP banned from Canada say the decision to keep him out was "an exercise in taunting" by senior government officials.

Lawyer Barbara Jackman says the Canadian government falsely labelled George Galloway a terrorist because they didn't like his views on the war in Afghanistan.

She says all Galloway did was provide humanitarian aid to the people of Gaza — something Canada itself has been involved in.

If that makes Galloway a terrorist, she says, then Prime Minister Stephen Harper is one also.

Galloway planned to make a four-city speaking tour in March 2009, but officials said he supported terrorism and declared him inadmissible.

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It's no good pushing 'delete'

WEB When a New Brunswick woman disappeared this year, the RCMP and family made widely publicized pleas for help.

Her name and photograph was blogged, tweeted and forwarded online to the world.

The woman surfaced in March, having escaped after allegedly being kidnapped and sexually assaulted, and the same information that had been so freely available was now banned from publication to protect her identity.

But echoes of the woman's name and her disappearance still appear on the Internet.

And experts say the nearly impossible task of erasing data completely online demonstrates the need to update publication bans.

Vancouver media lawyer Dan Burnett says publication ban laws need to be revised with the Internet in mind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nazim Gillani testifies before a House of Commons committee yesterday on Parliament Hill.

Busty hookers? That's just so 'outrageous'

Nazim Gillani says he and Rahim Jaffer never cavorted with "busty hookers."

The colourful businessman at the heart of the Guergis-Jaffer scandal told a House of Commons committee yesterday that stories of cocaine-fuelled parties with prostitutes are "outrageous."

He scoffed at a newspaper article that said he and Jaffer dined with "busty hookers." In fact, he said, they dined with his then-girlfriend and two of her friends.

He dismissed claims by a private eye that he had compromising photos of Jaffer and his wife, Helena Guergis, partying with cocaine and prostitutes.

> **"They said they knew how to negotiate the government maze."**
> Nazim Gillani

But Gillani said he and Jaffer did have a business contract — despite claims to the contrary by the former Tory MP.

Gillani presented documents that claim he had a contract with Jaffer's company to help secure government funding for his firm, International Strategic Investments.

The alleged contract notes Jaffer's company claimed to have "valuable connections" with the federal government.

"Simply, they said they knew how to negotiate the government maze," Gillani testified.

The committee is looking into whether Jaffer, who is not a registered lobbyist, broke lobbying rules.

NDP MP Pat Martin said the panel will push to recall him.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper removed Guergis from cabinet and the Tory caucus, and referred the matter to the RCMP.

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Nazim Gillani a key figure in the Jaffer-Guergis scandal

- Nazim Gillani, 43, runs Toronto-based International Strategic Investments, which has claimed to help companies obtain government contracts.
- He has had a colourful life, at one time running a record label in Vancouver.
- He pleaded guilty to not paying taxes last year, and has more than dozen civil cases against him in the B.C. courts.
- He is also facing a fraud charge in a case before the Ontario courts.
- Gillani met Jaffer through a mutual friend from the Ismaili Muslim community,

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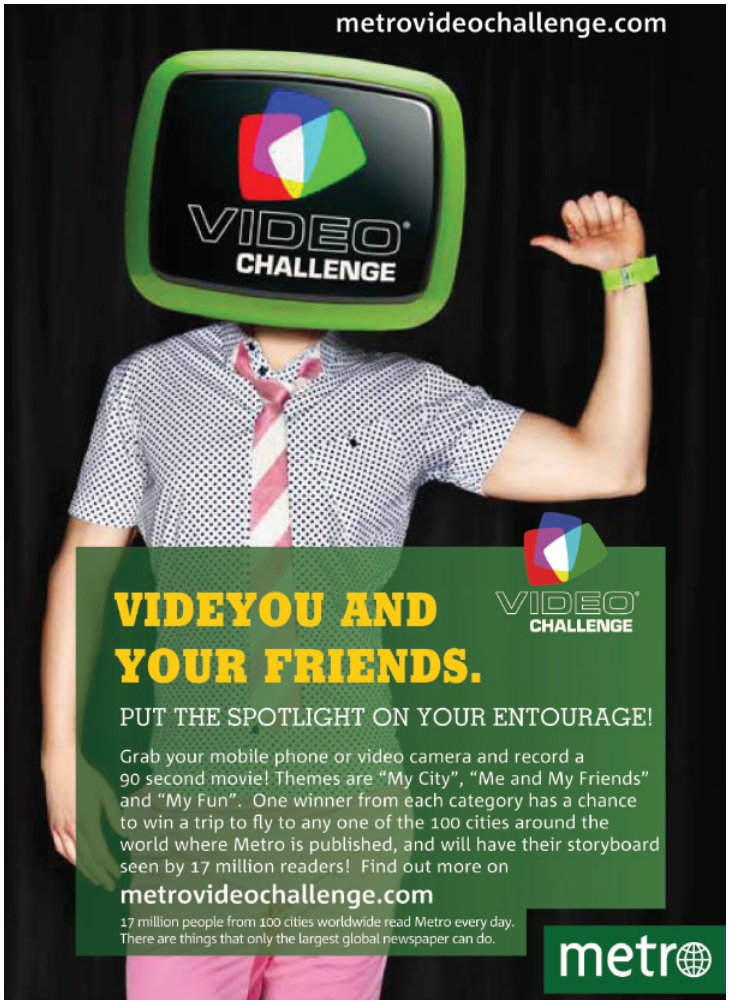

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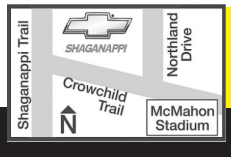

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World

Belgium's first female PM?

Belgian Premier Yves Leterme stepped aside yesterday, to be replaced by Marianne Thyssen, 53, left, at the head of Belgium's long-dominant Dutch-speaking Christian Democrats into early elections, likely in June. If Thyssen's party remains Belgium's largest in elections, she will likely form the next government and become the country's first female prime minister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Just ridiculous'

Britain's bedraggled Prime Minister Gordon Brown waltzed into a political train wreck yesterday after forgetting to turn off his microphone.

He described a loyal Labour voter as a bigot for asking about immigration, blamed advisers for a "disaster" ahead of next week's election, then rushed back to the voter's house to beg her forgiveness.

Grandmother Gillian Duffy, 66, met with Brown at a campaign stop in the northern town of Rochdale and questioned him about the influx of eastern European immigrants who have come to Britain. Many people are angry that immigrants are taking jobs at a time when Britain's unemployment level is soaring. Brown brushed the question aside, leaving in his car in a hurry and forgetting to turn off his microphone.

"That was a disaster, they should never have put me with that woman. Whose idea was that? It's just ridiculous," Brown is heard saying. Asked what she had said to upset him, Brown said: "Everything. She's just a sort of bigoted woman."

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Gordon Brown

Brown's gaffe was immediately broadcast and he was then grilled about it on a televised radio show. Brown said he realized he had made a mistake and regretted the remarks.

Brown sits third in opinion polls for the general election and is desperate to show his supposedly statesmanlike credentials. Ironically, his campaign team overhauled their strategy this week, betting that more contact between their leader and ordinary people would revive his flagging election hopes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Thai soldiers fire on anti-government protesters during clashes near Bangkok yesterday.

Soldier killed during protest

CLASH Thai troops fired rifles and threw tear gas at a crowd of anti-government protesters riding motorbikes down a busy expressway yesterday, blocking their effort to take the demonstrations that have paralyzed central Bangkok into the suburbs.

The hourslong confrontation killed one soldier — apparently from friendly fire — and wounded 18 other people as it transformed the suburban streets into a battle zone, with heavily armed troops taking cover behind terrified commuters' cars.

Security officials suggested the possibility of an escalation in the violence. The bloodshed yesterday was the first violent confrontation in nearly a week, and protest leaders accused the government of leading the nation to the brink of civil war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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India arrests alleged spy from Pakistan

India is investigating a serious breach of security after arresting a diplomat accused of spying for Pakistan while posted at the Indian Embassy in Islamabad, India's foreign minister said yesterday.

Madhuri Gupta, 53, a second secretary at the embassy, was recalled to New Delhi and arrested at her home in the Indian capital.

Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna told NDTV news channel that the case was being investigated by the Home Affairs Ministry. Gupta is accused of passing information to Pakistani intelligence agencies, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said.

Gupta, who had been working in the press and information section of the embassy for three years, had been under surveillance for more than six months.

Investigations were under way and Gupta was cooperating, Prakash said. He gave no other details and did not take any questions from reporters.

Gupta was arrested Friday, although the arrest was not announced until Tuesday, Press Trust of India news agency said.

She will remain in police custody for the next four days, PTI said.

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Strained relations

- India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.
- Relations between the two South Asian rivals were further strained after a deadly terror attack on Mumbai, India's financial hub, in 2008 killed 166 people.
- India blamed the attack on Pakistan-based Islamic terror groups.

First a lucky loonie, now a lucky goose

LUCK A Canada goose with a hunter's 66-centimetre arrow sticking out of its chest picked the right place to land.

"This is a smart goose," said Bernard Levine, the retired veterinarian in whose Toms River, N.J., backyard the wounded bird showed up in a few weeks ago. "He happened to come into the yard of a veterinarian that could take care of him."

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Comment

Government's buzz about birds, bees

Relating

It can be awkward when your government sits you down for a sex talk.

Brazil's health minister, Jose Temporao, is urging the citizenry to have more sex, citing evidence that it lowers blood pressure.

While I'm certain the average Brazilian is already having as much sex as he or she can without government encouragement, this seems a reasonably healthy state intervention in the national sex life.

It contrasts sharply with the anti-fun stance of Iranian officialdom, with cleric Hojatoleslam Kazem Sadighi commingling the geological and the theological to causally link women wearing revealing clothing and earthquakes.

The imam's goofy theory inspired Indiana blogger Jen McCreight to get on Facebook and organize this past Monday's Boobquake, in which she encouraged women worldwide to show a bit of cleavage and see if they could get a seismic rise out of the Earth.

A Boobquake rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery was a study in attitudinal diversity as a few women decided to go over-the-topless while others complained that men were looking. The country is unlikely to achieve sexual consensus any time soon.

Homosexuality, abortion and birth control were all once illegal here, and our current federal government still seems squeamish. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney personally deleted references to homosexuality and same-sex marriage from the new citizenship guide, and International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda has provoked an outcry in some quarters by excluding abortion from maternal health programs in developing countries.

It can swing the other way, too, as some citizens find their government entirely too kinky. Witness the Ontario government's new sex education curriculum, hastily withdrawn for retooling last week after some church groups and parents complained the content was both too sexy and too educational.

Public libraries are constant sexual battlegrounds. The American Libraries Association has released its 2009 list of most complained about books, and the children's book And Tango Makes Three, based on the true story of a same-sex penguin couple in New York's Central Park Zoo, was one of the most controversial for the fourth year running.

Pierre Trudeau's declaration that the state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation is often quoted, but the separation of libido and state is not so easily achieved. Before voting for a candidate, it might be wise to consider your sexual compatibility should he or she come out on top.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

Views

The lighter side of feminism revealed

FourthWave

People often say feminists lack any sense of humour. That isn't true and I offer up Boobquake and Ben Roethlisberger as examples.

It all started when Iranian cleric Hojatoleslam Kazem Sedighi reportedly warned, "Many women who do not dress modestly ... lead young men astray, corrupt their chastity and spread adultery in society, which increases earthquakes."

Many scoffed. One blogger, Jen McCreight of blaghag.com, was determined to scientifically disprove his theory. Thus, Boobquake was born: Women would "embrace the supposed supernatural power of their breasts" and seek to make the Earth tremble by wearing the lowest-cut shirts they owned.

Monday has come and gone — and guess what? No out-of-the-norm earthquakes activity.

It's unfortunate that this tongue-in-cheek protest was reduced to a circus-like opportunity to ogle. Apparently, some Boobquake events drew more male photographers than busty participants, but I'm loathe to call it un-feminist just because of a few overactive sex drives and cellphone cameras.

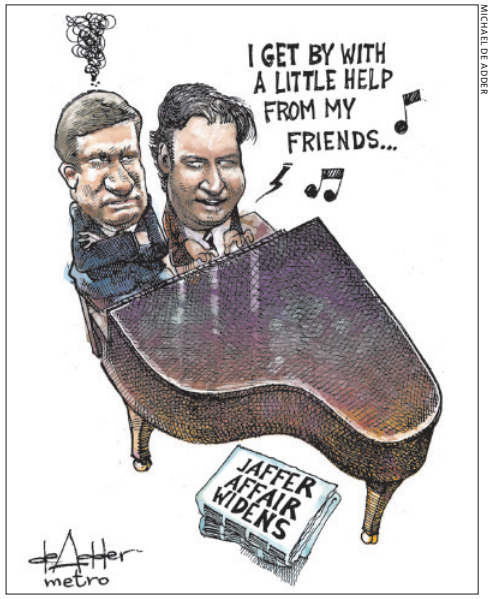
Moral truths are sometimes so obvious, they're plain as day. It was, too, for football fans following the saga of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who has been suspended after another allegation of sexual assault.

I have negative interest in football, but what's not to love after reading this tweet from Vinnie Malhotra, executive producer for ESPN, from the floor of the NFL Draft: "Guy in a Roethlisberger jersey walking by at the NFL Draft. Crowd starts chanting 'No Means No!'"

I'm glad this commonsense mantra has percolated into the mainstream.

Of course, with all the wacky things being said and done in Iran, it's no stretch to scoff at its leaders. Nor is it a difficult moral decision to shun an athlete twice accused of sexual assault. These are obvious things. I hope people can take their instinctual "Hey, that's not right" reactions toward Boobquake or Roethlisberger and carry that with them into the future.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.



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AOL shares take a tumble

AOL Inc.'s shares plunged yesterday as it reported lower-than-expected first-quarter revenue and it warned advertising sales would remain under pressure through the rest of the year. AOL, whose shares tumbled 13 per cent in late morning trading, is going through a sales reorganization. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Recession aftermath: Hold on until 2014

Canada's recession was short — and in some regions brutish — but the aftermath will be almost as challenging, three new separate reports on the economy suggest.

The reports from the country's budget watchdog, Statistics Canada and one of the leading economic think tanks, the Conference Board, are remarkably similar in detailing what Canada lost during the recession and the problems it faces in recovery.

Putting it in economic terms, Statistics Canada concludes the country's gross domestic product shrank 2.9 per cent last year, slightly more than its original estimate.

But not all regions experienced the recession in the same way. Newfoundland's economy fell back a massive 10.2 per cent, while two tiny economies, Prince Edward Island and the Yukon, did not contract at all.

Among the bigger provinces, Ontario's economy shrank 3.1 per cent and Quebec's by a relatively modest one per cent.

In dollar terms, the parliamentary budget office estimates that by 2014, when the economy returns to normal, Canada will have suffered a cumulative total of $225 billion in lost output.

By 2014, a different set of challenges will be facing Canadians and their governments, says the Conference Board's Pedro Antunes.

In a far-reaching outlook, Antunes says 2014 is when the real impact of the retiring baby boom generation will start being felt in Canada's labour market, economy and government budgets.

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China pressed to drop its demand for computer security data

TECH Global technology suppliers face a looming Chinese deadline to reveal the inner workings of computer encryption and other security products in a move the United States and Europe say is protectionist.

Suppliers must comply with the rules that take effect Saturday or risk being shut out of the billions of dollars in purchases that the Chinese government makes of smart cards, secure routers, anti-spam software and other security products.

Encryption codes and other trade secrets would have to be disclosed to a government panel, and the foreign companies worry they might be leaked to Chinese rivals.

It is the latest in a string of disputes over complaints Beijing is using regulations to support its companies at the expense of foreign rivals.

It comes less than a month after China defused a separate conflict with the United States and Europe by scaling back a plan to favour Chinese technology in government procurement.

Washington and the European Union say no other nation imposes such a demand and want Beijing to scrap or at least postpone it.

Washington wants China to "follow global norms," said Nkenge L. Harmon, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Trade Representative, in an email yesterday.

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Profits good as gold for Barrick

EARNINGS Barrick Gold Corp. says higher gold prices and increased production volumes helped it achieve record earnings in the first quarter.

Barrick Gold president and CEO Aaron Regent

The world's biggest gold miner reported yesterday that its net income more than doubled to $758 million US, or 76 cents per share, beating analyst expectations of 62.3 cents per share, according to estimates compiled by Thomson Reuters.

The results are a significant increase from profits of $371 million, or 42 cents per share, in the same period last year.

Sales also beat analyst expectations, rising to $2.6 billion from $1.8 billion in the year-ago quarter.

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Lebanon **Tension-free resort**

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Khalil Abdullah, 56, a Lebanese businessman who recently returned to settle in Lebanon after 40 years spent working as a contractor in Africa, gestures as he stands on a hill above his resort, under construction near the Lebanon-Israel border. The "Wazzani Fortress" as the $3-million project is called, is one of several resorts sprouting up along the tense border with Israel in what investors hope will be a new tourist attraction.

Business in brief

U.S. The Federal Reserve is sounding a more confident note that the economy is strengthening and pledges to hold rates at record lows to make sure it gains even more traction. Wrapping up a two-day meeting yesterday, the Fed in a 9-1 decision retained its pledge to hold rates at historic lows for an what it calls an extended period. Doing so will help energize the recovery. The Fed offers a more upbeat view of the economy, even as it notes that risks remain. The Fed says the job market is beginning to improve and notes that consumer spending has picked up. Both observations were brighter than when the Fed last met in mid-March.

CP RAIL Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. says its first quarter net profits rose 74 per cent to $100 million as the company benefited from an improving economy as well as cost controls. Canada's No. 2 railway operator said yesterday its latest earnings rose from $57 million in the same period in 2009. Diluted per share earnings increased to 59 cents from 36 cents, topping analyst estimates. Revenues rose five per cent to $1.2 billion from $1.1 billion as the company benefited from the economic recovery and higher shipments. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Honda's bottom line gets a boost from U.S. recovery and Asia growth
Honda posted a $774-million US profit for the January-March quarter in a reversal from red ink a year earlier as booming demand in China and India combined with a fledgling U.S. recovery to boost car sales. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goldman Sachs execs unbowed

Defending his company under blistering criticism, the CEO of Goldman Sachs testily told skeptical senators that customers who bought securities from the Wall Street giant in the run-up to the financial crisis came looking for risk "and that's what they got."

Lloyd Blankfein and other Goldman executives were lambasted by lawmakers Tuesday for "unbridled greed" in an often-electric day-long showdown between Wall Street and Congress — with expletives frequently undeleted. Unrepentant, five present and two past Goldman officials unflinchingly stood by their conduct before a Senate investigatory panel and denied helping to cause the financial near-meltdown that turned into the worst recession since the Great Depression.

"Unfortunately, the housing market went south very quickly," Blankfein told skeptical senators. "So people lost money in it."

Senators from both parties verbally pounded the Goldman executives, accusing them of a financial version of rigged casino gambling that they said endangered the entire U.S. economy.

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Businesses expecting post-Olympic boom

INVESTMENT The 2010 Olympics were a golden performance not just for athletes but also area businesses hoping to cash in on the Games. A group of Vancouver municipalities say more than $60 million worth of new deals are coming to the region because of the Olympics.

The Metro Vancouver Commerce program brought about 100 executives to the Games for four-day stints to meet with local companies and politicians and take in some of the sporting events.

One executive says the Games were the reason he chose to base his tech start-up in Vancouver and not San Francisco.

Anuj Singhal said the energy and warmth of the city during the Olympics made it the place he wanted to do business.

The $1.5-million program is hoping to generate $50 million in investment by the end of 2012.

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Business in brief

BREWING Calgary-based Minhas Creek Brewing says Labatt has rejected its offer to buy the assets of the Lakeport Brewery in Hamilton, Ont. Labatt said late last month that it would shutter the Hamilton site and shift production of its Lakeport brands to its main brewery in London, Ont. The brother-sister team of Ravinder and Manjit Minhas had offered to buy the Hamilton facility. However, Labatt made it clear it would remove the equipment, despite pleas to leave the equipment in place so another brewer could move in.

SUBSCRIBERS Sprint Nextel continued to stem the flight of subscribers in the first quarter but posted a larger loss. Sprint Nextel Corp. yesterday said it lost a net 75,000 subscribers in the first three months of 2010, compared to a loss of 182,000 in the same quarter last year. The Overland Park, Kan., wireless carrier's quarterly loss amounted to $865 million US.

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KFC backers look to new menu items to stanch losses

Toronto-based Priszm Income Fund says it will introduce new innovative menu items to help pull KFC out of a disappointing first quarter, in which losses widened to $4.8 million, or 30.1 cents a share, from $2.6 million, or 17.7 cents a share, in the same year-earlier period. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PEI and Yukon got best of bad year: Report

RECESSION The economy shrank last year in almost every Canadian province and territory — the exceptions being Prince Edward Island and Yukon Territory.

Statistics Canada reported yesterday that the gross domestic product declined by 2.9 per cent nationally in 2009, after a 0.6 per cent increase in 2008.

Three of the country's four biggest provincial economies — Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia — fell by more than the national average while Quebec's shrank by a relatively modest one per cent.

The figures come two days before Statistics Canada releases its GDP numbers for February of this year and nearly two months after it reported the national economy grew in the fourth quarter of 2009 at an annual rate of five per cent.

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Business in brief

STOCK PRICES Tembec's shares continued their weeklong fall yesterday, plunging more than 12 per cent by midmorning, after the Quebec forestry company released financial results showing it had broken even in the latest quarter. The shares fell to as low as $2.32 in the morning. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dutch oil firm sees profit rise

Europe's largest oil company, Royal Dutch Shell PLC, reported a 57 per cent increase in net profit for the first quarter yesterday, crediting higher oil prices, production growth, and cost-cutting.

Net profit was $5.48 billion, up from $3.49 billion in the same period a year ago. Revenues were $86.0 billion from $52.2 billion.

Notably, oil production increased six per cent from the first quarter of 2009 to 3.59 million barrels of oil per day.

"So far in 2010, oil prices have remained firm, and demand for petrochemicals has increased, but refining margins, oil products demand and spot gas prices all remain under pressure," chief executive Peter Voser said.

"Although there are signs of an improving economic outlook, we are not relying on it, we are continuing with our focus on cash flow growth, underpinned by new project startups and lower costs."

Shell has invested heavily in new capacity throughout the downturn after an accounting scandal in 2004 forced it to slash proven reserves. Production has been declining for nearly a decade but the company expects it to rise more than 10 per cent by 2012.

A new project came on line in the Gulf of Mexico this quarter and is producing 100,000 barrels per day, while other recent projects on Russia's Sakhalin island and Parque das Conchas in Brazil are now producing 120,00 barrels per day.

Shares rose 0.8 per cent to $23.36 in early Amsterdam trading.

Shell's earnings were released a day after its largest European rival, BP Plc, reported a $6.1-billion profit, and ahead of the biggest U.S. company, ExxonMobil Corp.

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No thanks to gas

- Shell said production earnings were somewhat hurt by natural-gas prices lagging oil prices: A little more than half of Shell's total production is in the form of gas. Even so, production earnings doubled to $4.42 billion.

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China loses medal after gymnast found to be underage

The International Olympic Committee has stripped China of its bronze medal from the women's team competition at the 2000 Sydney Games for using an underage gymnast. Dong Fangxiao's results from Sydney were wiped out in February after the International Gymnastics Federation determined she was only 14 at the 2000 Olympics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Blog post costs Howard

Even on a day off, Dwight Howard can antagonize officials enough to draw a penalty. The Orlando Magic centre was fined $35,000 US by the NBA yesterday for criticizing officials on his blog. Howard was in chronic foul trouble and constantly complaining about officiating in the Magic's series sweep over Charlotte. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Habs stun Caps

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Jaroslav Halak's continued mastery of the Washington Capitals has propelled the eighth-seeded Montreal Canadiens into the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Marc-Andre Bergeron and Dominic Moore scored for Montreal and Halak made 41 saves as the Canadiens shocked the Capitals 2-1 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series last night.

The Canadiens became the first No. 8 seed to erase a 3-1 series deficit to knock off a top seed since the NHL switched to the current playoff format in 1994.

Brooks Laich scored late in the third to bring the Capitals to within a goal, but they couldn't convert on a power play over the final 1:44 of regulation to tie it up.

The league's best power play in the regular season went 1-for-33 in the series, a key reason why the Capitals' off-season has started early. The Capitals had a dominant regular season in winning the Presidents' Trophy with 121 points — 33 more than the Canadiens — and leading the league with 318 goals scored.

But that offence disappeared when it was needed most, largely because of Halak, who stopped 131 of 134 shots in winning the final three games of the series.

By leading his team back from the brink, Halak — the 271st overall choice in the 2003 entry draft — has written his name into the history books of the league's most successful franchise.

His Washington counterpart Semyon Varlamov wasn't nearly as busy in Game 7, but allowed two goals on 16 shots to lose his third straight game.

For the Capitals and the NHL's most exciting player Alexander Ovechkin, it was yet another playoff disappointment after bowing out in seven games to the eventual Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins in round two last year.

Those same Penguins will be waiting for the Canadiens in Pittsburgh to start their conference quarter-final series Friday night at Mellon Arena.

The game wasn't without controversy as Ovechkin appeared to tie the game at 24 seconds into the third period, but it was instantly waved off by referee Brad Watson because he deemed that Mike Knuble interfered with Halak.

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Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak fights for the puck with Washington Capitals centre Brendan Morrison last night.

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Sports in brief

NFL Denver Broncos All-Pro left tackle Ryan Clady has undergone surgery to repair a torn left patellar tendon and will be out for several months, according to a published report. The Denver Post reported on its website yesterday that Clady suffered the knee injury while playing basketball, according to people it didn't name.

TENNIS Rafael Nadal opened his bid for a fifth Rome Masters title with a quick 6-1, 6-3 win over Philipp Kohlschreiber yesterday. Having withdrawn from last week's Barcelona Open, Nadal appeared fresh and was able to dictate play with his usual combination of heavy topspin, few unforced errors and an array of baseline winners.

SOCCER Tempers boiled and blood was spilled when Toronto and Montreal renewed their rivalry last night, with Toronto FC earning a physical 2-0 win over the Impact. Toronto had goals from captain Dwayne De Rosario, in the 12th minute, and forward Chad Barrett in the 61st to open its defence of the Nutrilite Canadian Championship.

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Athletics pitcher can't throw for two weeks

Oakland Athletics left-hander Brett Anderson will not throw for two weeks due to a left arm injury. Oakland manager Bob Geren said yesterday that Anderson has a strained flexor. Anderson, on the 15-day disabled list, underwent a contrast MRI exam Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup hits Canadian soil

The FIFA World Cup Trophy made it to Canada yesterday for the first, or maybe second, or maybe third time.

Organizers of the global trophy tour billed yesterday's visit as the first ever. But like UFOs, more sightings were quickly reported.

Canadian soccer icon Bob Lenarduzzi, a former national team player and manager, said yesterday he had a photo of himself with the trophy from a dinner in Vancouver in 1994 when the golden statuette made it to Canada in advance of the World Cup in the U.S.

Nick Dasovic, a former national team player and current Toronto FC assistant, recalls doing the same at a Toronto dinner prior to that '94 World Cup.

"Was it the real trophy? Who knows," said Dasovic, who nevertheless made sure he got a hand on the trophy and a photo — a keepsake he has today.

And longtime national team manager Les Wilson recalled a World Cup trophy at a 1986 dinner in Toronto to honour the Canadian team that qualified for the World Cup that year.

RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A security guard rushes to stop Junior Lin, 12, of Toronto from grabbing onto the trophy case with the solid gold World Cup trophy inside yesterday at the CBC Broadcasting Centre.

A spokeswoman for Hill & Knowlton Canada, which handled publicity for the Canadian leg of the trophy, said FIFA confirmed the trophy that touched down yesterday was the real thing — and it had never made it to Canada before.

World Cup winners get a gold-plate replica of the trophy, the spokeswoman said. Perhaps one of those had made it to Canada in the past.

History aside, Canada got another brief taste of World Cup fever yesterday as soccer's biggest prize dropped in for a visit.

In a scene more suited to the arrival of an Oscar winner, the FIFA World Cup Trophy arrived early at Pearson International Airport. It travelled there on a plane adorned with FIFA and World Cup logos, and was taxied directly to a red carpet.

There, handlers whisked the 13-pound golden trophy from its protective case to a makeshift stage. After being hidden beneath a black sheet, the statuette was unveiled — prompting dozens of clicks and flashes from cellphones and television cameras.

The solid gold statue is nearing the end of a whirlwind world tour that covers nine months, 86 countries and 139,000 kilometres.

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Changes made to MLB all-star game

The designated hitter will be used in the all-star game every year, and rosters will be expanded again to 34 under changes made by baseball's special committee for on-field matters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Red Wings, Sharks meet their role model

When the San Jose Sharks hired former Detroit assistant Todd McLellan as their head coach two years ago, they were looking to duplicate some of the post-season success the Red Wings had enjoyed.

Now they get to find out if the imitation is as good as the original when the two teams meet in a Western Conference second-round series beginning tonight in San Jose.

McLellan brought over many of the philosophies he learned in Detroit under coach Mike Babcock, most notably a strong emphasis on puck possession.

"It's a copycat league," Sharks defenceman Douglas Murray said. "It always has been and probably always will be. When you have successful franchises like Detroit, teams are going to copy it. If it's successful why not try to use it?"

The one thing the Sharks haven't been able to emulate is Detroit's post-season success. The Sharks have not made it past the second round in their past four trips to the post-season, including a second-round loss to the Red Wings in 2007.

A playoff rematch has seemed inevitable because of how much talent both teams have. But early exits the past two seasons by San Jose have delayed that.

"They play a similar style to us," Detroit forward Henrik Zetterberg said. "We've been facing them a lot the last few years in the playoffs. It's usually a really good series. It's well-played hockey and it's exciting for the fans."

Despite being the two best teams in the NHL since the start of the 2005-06 season, the 2007 series is the only post-season meeting in that span.

The Red Wings were knocked out in the first round by Edmonton in 2006, the Sharks fell in the second round to Dallas in 2008 with the Red Wings waiting in the Western Conference finals and San Jose lost in the first round last season despite having the best record in the NHL.

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Day off for Wings

- The Red Wings flew to the Bay Area Tuesday night and took yesterday off to try to be as fresh as possible for today's series opener.

Inter loses, but still advances to Champions final

SOCCER Inter Milan lost 1-0 at Barcelona yesterday but still reached its first Champions League final in 38 years by beating the defending champion 3-2 on aggregate.

The Italian champion braved continuous pressure from the slick-passing Catalans to line up a final against Bayern Munich May 22 in Madrid after winning the first leg 3-1.

Defender Gerard Pique scored in the 84th minute after Inter had frustrated Barcelona's attack.

Inter was reduced to 10 men from the 28th minute when Thiago Motta picked up a second yellow card after tangling with Sergio Busquets.

Inter held on in front of nearly 100,000 fans at the Camp Nou to give itself a chance at a third title — and first since 1965.

Moments after Barcelona substitute Bojan Krkic headed a clear chance wide, Pique received the ball inside the area before twisting past a defender and goalkeeper Julio Cesar and drilling his shot on the turn into an empty net.

Lionel Messi was given little room to roam, but the Argentina winger had a chance late after having delivered a perfect cross for Krkic in the 82nd minute.

Krkic found the back of the net in injury time but his strike was ruled out for a handball by Yaya Toure in the buildup.

Inter coach Jose Mourinho and his players sprinted onto the field to celebrate at the final whistle. Barcelona goalkeeper Victor Valdes tangled with Mourinho as he pointed up to the Inter section of fans.

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JASPER JUINEN/GETTY IMAGES

Gerard Pique of FC Barcelona scores his side's opening goal yesterday during the UEFA Champions League match between Barcelona and Inter Milan at the Camp Nou in Barcelona.

Czech Republic, Slovakia consider establishing common soccer league

Czech Republic and Slovak soccer officials are considering the setting up of a common league for the two countries that once formed one state — Czechoslovakia. The Czech federation said in a statement yesterday it will work together with its Slovak counterpart and UEFA on the project. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Cleveland's LeBron James tries to get a shot off against Brad Miller of the Chicago Bulls in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference quarter-finals Tuesday.

Elbow room: LeBron's puzzling injury

LeBron James' ambidexterity makes him special — perhaps the most skilled basketball player on the planet.

James can drive, dribble and create with either hand. It's not widely known that James writes with his left. He never shoots free throws that way.

He did Tuesday.

Bothered by a puzzling injury that numbs his elbow, James curiously launched and missed a free throw left-handed in the closing seconds of Cleveland's 96-94 playoff win over Chicago, adding some unexpected late-night drama to the Cavaliers advancing to a second-round matchup against Boston.

James revealed afterward that the elbow has been troubling him for weeks. He underwent treatment yesterday and is expected to have further testing done before Saturday's Game 1.

X-rays and an MRI taken Monday showed no obvious structural damage, but clearly something is wrong with James' elbow, which he has covered recently with a padded, protective sleeve.

"I don't know, honestly, what's going on with it," James said after finishing one assist shy of a triple-double in Game 5.

"I've done tests to try and figure this thing out, but it almost feels like you hit your funny bone and it kind of numbs up for a little bit.

"It bothers me more because I don't actually know what it is. We'll figure it out. I've never had a problem with my elbow before."

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Maver ready to adopt a new home following CFL Canadian college draft

FOOTBALL Rob Maver can't wait for Sunday.

That's when months of uncertainty will end for the Guelph Gryphons kicker-punter, who will finally know where he will begin his pro football career when the CFL conducts its annual Canadian college draft (TSN, noon ET).

"I'm getting anxious," Maver said with a chuckle yesterday. "I'd be lying if I said otherwise.

"It's worse than waiting for Christmas when you're a five-year-old kid."

And not just for Maver, 24, of Brampton.

"I'm not nearly as anxious as my family," he said. "They're going crazy in a good way.

"My family is moving out to B.C. so I'm not going to have a home base in Toronto and Brampton anymore. Whatever team takes me, I'm going to call that place home so I can fully commit to that team and be there in the off-season working out with the guys so I can be fully committed to getting better. That's why I'm so eager to find out where I will be calling home."

"I'm getting anxious. I'd be lying if I said otherwise. ... It's worse than waiting for Christmas when you're a five-year-old kid." Brampton's Rob Maver on the CFL draft

Fortunately, the five-foot-11, 212-pound Maver shouldn't have to wait long to hear his name called. He's ranked sixth among the draft's top-15 prospects according to the CFL's scouting bureau and is the only kicker to crack the list.

He was the only kicker invited to the CFL's evaluation camp in March in Toronto, where Maver quashed the notion kickers aren't athletic. Maver not only participated fully in the drills but bench-pressed 225 pounds 11 times and completed the 40-yard dash in 4.97 seconds.

But that's no surprise to Kyle Walters, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers special-teams coach who was Maver's head coach at Guelph.

"Rob is a football player that happens to kick the ball," Walters said. "He works out hard, he trains hard, he loves football, he loves practice and helps out wherever he can.

"If he chose to play receiver or defensive back in high school or someone hadn't found out he could kick the ball so far he'd still be playing football at another position, I guarantee you that."

Maver's kicking skills are definitely in demand in the CFL. The Toronto Argonauts, Calgary Stampeders and Hamilton Tiger-Cats all need either a punter or kicker, creating no shortage of intrigue heading into the draft. At first glance, Toronto would appear to have the best shot at landing Maver considering it has three picks in the first 11 (Nos. one, eight and 11). Trouble is, the rebuilding Argos — who had a league-worst 3-15 record last year — have many needs to address in the draft and can't be guaranteed Maver would be available even at No. 8.

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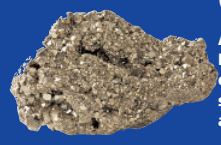

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Whether it be prized possessions lining grandma's mantel or a design-conscious decor element or showpiece in the living room, the power of the knick-knack is enormous, says Dana Jordan, owner of her namesake gift and decor shop in Toronto.

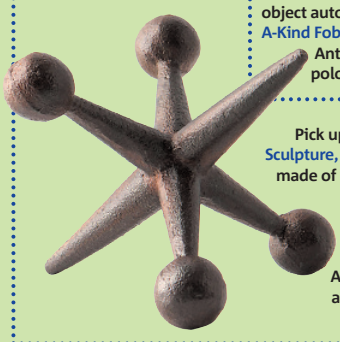
"They are the icing on the cake," says Jordan. "A room is a room is a room. However, decorative objects make the bland room come to life. They add instant character and personalize an area."

With designer tsotchkes — perhaps an oxymoron, as the word "tsotchke" can imply cheaply made or kitschy items, like the trinkets sold outside of tourist attractions — it's not just about the esthetics of these little objects d'art but also the emotion they elicit.

One's knick-knacks can say a lot about a person, Jordan says: "Their likes … what makes them smile, what makes them tick.

"Decorative objects run the gamut from pure objets d'art that simply please the eye to objects that marry beauty — which is always in the eye of the beholder — with function," she says.

Jordan notes many high-end brands are designing stunning practical gadgets, with the Alessi brand a prime example. Created by architects and industrial designers, Alessi's everyday objects are indeed outstanding enough to be housed in the Museum of Modern Art, she says.



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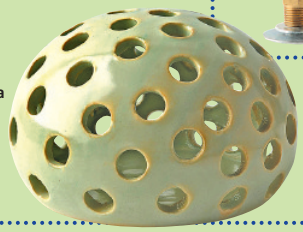

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From home to condo decor tips

DecorMoment

With the real estate market booming and people trading in their large homes and downsizing to condos, I thought the spring would be a good time to pass on a few design rules regarding downsizing. It can be hard giving up everything in a big house and moving to a smaller space, but you don't have to give up your style or comforts just because you are giving up a large place for a small one.

You can't take it all!

Moving from a large home to a smaller sized space means you can't take everything with you. Consider re-purposing many of your favorite furniture pieces: The china cabinet can now be used as a bookcase in the living or den; a wing-back chair from the family room can be slipcovered and used in the corner of the bedroom; and of course artwork, rugs and mirrors can be re-used in different areas of your new home.

Size matters!

Here is a list of a few key pieces that will make a small space live larger: Expandable dining table; on a daily basis they sit four and when extended family or friends visit they can seat six to 10. Condo-sized sofa; usually around six feet long, its slightly smaller than a regular sofa, but longer than a love seat so that three people can sit comfortable. Remember that a skirted sofa will visually look heavier than one with an exposed leg and that foam cushions offer more support than feather cushions. Parson-style dining chairs; these upholstered chairs are practical for dining and then are easily moved into the living room as a comfy chair. I suggest purchasing them in sets of at least eight; slipcover a few of them and use them in spare bedrooms or home offices. A good place to start is casalife.com; they specialize in small space furniture.

What not to bring:

There are certain things that usually just won't work in a new, smaller space; here's my list: Oversized glass-topped coffee tables, large armoires, the unused piano, uptdated lighting, trendy coloured area rugs (think dusty rose or lavender) and old draperies are always a no-no to bring when downsizing. The best place to sell off your treasures are at garage and yards sales, or online. Check out Kijiji.ca when selling furnishing and home goods. It's a free, community-based website that helps to link sellers to buyer.

How to decorate:

Choose a neutral colour that you like in your existing furnishings and use it when purchasing new, updated pieces. Don't be afraid to mix styles; a queen anne style china cabinet and dining table can look fantastic with new modern chairs and a traditional four poster bed can look great with modern side tables and lamps. Only bring scale and size appropriate furnishings. Consider clean-lined window treatments rather than traditional draperies in your new space. Moving to a smaller space is the perfect time to update your audio and visual equipment; replace the large boxy with a streamlined plasma and replace the mammoth floor speakers with wall and ceiling mount ones.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

CASALIFE.COM PHOTO

A few old and few new furniture pieces help to create a stylish new condo.

Royal Bank and TD boost mortgage rates

MONEY Royal Bank of Canada kicked off another round of mortgage rate hikes this week, just days after the Bank of Canada's stern warning that higher interest rates are on the way.

RBC said it will increase interest rates by 15 basis points, or 0.15 of a percentage point, on mortgages with terms from six months to 10 years.

Hours later, TD Canada Trust announced increases ranging from 15 to 25 basis points on its six-month to 10-year mortgages.

It's the third time in one month that major Canadian banks have boosted rates for home owners.

Benjamin Tal, senior economist at CIBC World Markets, said the move does not come as a surprise.

"The market is getting more aggressive about the prospect of the Bank of Canada raising interest rates. Now it seems the market is expecting even more aggressive interest rates increases than it was last week," he said.

"The bond market is really a mirror to the future and this mirror is now telling us that the Bank of Canada is going to move. That's why bond rates go up." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Loyalty & Rewards

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Why joining a rewards program makes sense – and dollars

You may have noticed that there are more and more loyalty programs popping up—in supermarkets, at banks and retail stores, and even at your local cinema. You don't want a wallet full of plastic—so how do you choose which programs are best for you?

The first thing to look for is the way in which you can earn points. Is the product or service something you're going to invest in on a regular basis? If you go to the movies a lot, an entertainment rewards card might be worth looking into. Or if you're a department store denizen, see what programs they have to offer. And don't forget to check your financial institution to see if they offer rewards-based credit cards.

Next, take a look at bonus offerings, such as partner merchants or companies that offer special discounts if you're a cardholder. The more places you can use the card, the better. Rewards programs are expanding their partnerships all the time so, if one doesn't appeal to you at first, check back in a while to see if they've added new partner perks.

Finally, it's important to know how you can redeem the rewards you've earned. Many loyalty programs have tailored their rewards to they way in which you earned points: Store cards might offer credit towards future purchases at their location, entertainment cards may allow you to redeem points for movies and music, or credit card rewards could even let you pay down your line of credit. Some even offer rewards you may not expect!

Whatever programs you choose, don't be afraid to use them. Keep your cards handy and use them whenever you can—even online if possible. After all, the rewards are there for the taking—so get earning!

By Lori Dance

Joining the Club

Sears Club Rewards are as straightforward as it gets

When we looked into Sears Club, we thought we were seeing things—or rather, not seeing things.

One point for every dollar spent at participating stores? That just sounds too simple. Wait—two points for every dollar spent at Sears? That still makes sense. So we asked someone at Sears what the deal was.

"The Sears Club Points Program is one of the richest no-fee travel credit card rewards programs in Canada," says Peter Kalen, Vice President, Sears Financial and Sears Travel. "Our customers earn 2% back from the very first dollar they spend at Sears."

Is there anything else we need to know? "Our program is also very flexible," says Kalen. "Customers can redeem their points towards virtually anything at Sears or Sears Travel, whether it's Sears merchandise, a flight, hotel room or even a car rental. Plus customers can redeem as soon as they have $10 in points and for any multiple of $10. They can apply their savings towards the purchase of their choice, no matter the size!"

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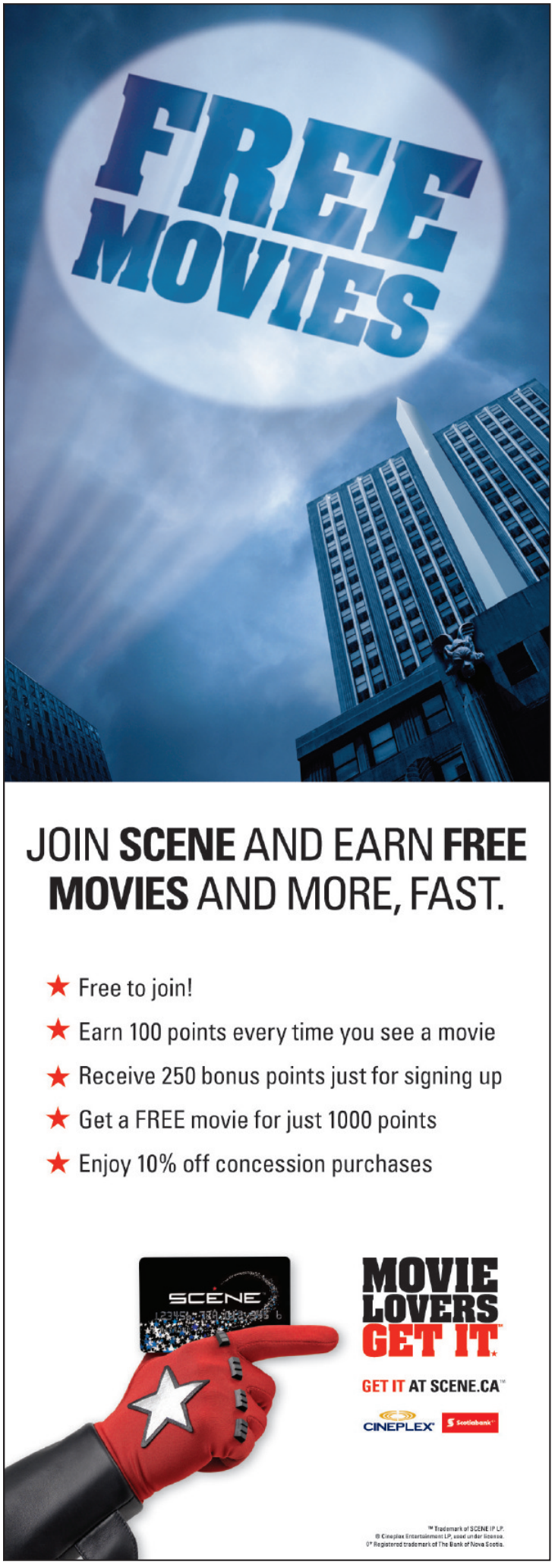

SCENE GETS TO THE POINT

A closer look at a fast-growing entertainment rewards program

We've all heard about programs that reward consumers for retail and financial transactions, but there appears to be a new kid on the block: Entertainment rewards.

We sat down with Shawn Bloom, General Manager of SCENE, to get an insight into what makes the SCENE program so attractive.

"SCENE is committed to delivering unique entertainment reward opportunities to its members," Shawn explains. "Unlike other loyalty and rewards programs where people have to save up for months, even years, to get great rewards, nearly 2.5 million SCENE members earn amazing rewards – fast, starting at just 1,000 points."

But how did they come up with the idea of rewarding customers for seeing movies? "After Cineplex acquired Famous Players from Viacom," Shawn continues, "Cineplex and Scotiabank began having conversations about a number of joint marketing opportunities. Eventually, Scotiabank suggested that there may be something bigger here that could work for both organizations."

The free-to-join SCENE program covers three card offerings: SCENE card (regular), SCENE ScotiaCard (debit), and SCENE Visa card (credit). SCENE debit and credit cards allow consumers to earn rewards not only on Cineplex movie tickets, but also on everyday purchases. Launched in 2007, the program has amassed nearly a whopping 2.5million members since its inception.

So what's on the horizon for SCENE members? "SCENE is constantly expanding to offer more places to earn points and bigger and better rewards for entertainment lovers," Shawn explains. "Although free movies and concession discounts are the foundation of the program, we know our members also love dining out, music, concerts and other entertainment activities—so we're focused on delivering more of the entertainment benefits they love."

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Development on the water
As the city's oldest neighbourhood, Inglewood's history is tied to its position at the confluence of the Elbow and Bow rivers. It was the city's original main street which in its modern configuration is an easy 10-minute walk from Calgary's downtown along 9th Ave. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Your Neighbourhood:
Inglewood

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The perfect little bohemian chic 'hood

JESSICA PATTERSON
for Metro Calgary

Calgary's oldest neighbourhood, Inglewood, is fast becoming one of the trendiest areas in the city.

"We've got some really neat things in Inglewood," says Arts on Atlantic Gallery owner Stephen Murphy. "We have the Calgary Zoo. We have the Calgary Bird Sanctuary. We have the fish hatchery."

And a whole lot more.

Inglewood is known for it's great nightlife, a vibrant music scene, one-of-a-kind shops and award-winning restaurants. An eclectic mix of businesses make wandering the shopping district an interesting and adventurous afternoon experience.

"I absolutely loved living in Inglewood," Murphy said. "There's nowhere else in the city like it."

Real Inglewoodians (as residents in this part of the city call themselves), take advantage of the nearby river pathways, the off-leash dog park and other green spaces in the community.

And, don't forget the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary at the end of 9th Ave., where visitors can see up to 270 species of birds. "I really think the Bird Sanctuary is a fabulous place," Murphy said.

Part of Inglewood's charm is its history. Antique storefronts and houses dot the community and faded paint advertises on sides of buildings.

"I have to say, I like the historical aspects," Murphy said.

"Part of the reason I chose this location for the gallery is that it has character, the old tin roof, the radiators in the front and the high ceilings."

But, if you're dropping by for a day — just down the street from Murphy's gallery are unique shops and galleries you won't find anywhere else in the city.

To the west is Recordland and it's hundreds of vintage vinyl albums.

To the east is Choklat, with it's handmade, super chocolate truffles and Knifewear, where owner Kevin Kent specializes in hand-forged Japanese knives.

Most businesses in the community are owner-operated businesses.

"We're so focused on providing good customer experience," Murphy said.

"We like it that way, we like being different and providing people with a very unique shopping experience."

A favourite of Murphy's is popular restaurant, Rouge. Rouge is one of the community's gems and one of the many award-winning restaurants in the city.

But his all-time favourite?

"I have to say, Inglewood Pizza makes the best pizza in town, there is no doubt about it."

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Inglewood is known for its one-of-a-kind shops.

"We've got some really neat things ... there's nowhere else in the city like it."
Steven Murphy, gallery owner

A look back in time

Summing up the history of Inglewood – Calgary's first downtown – is no small feat but community association president, Gian-Carlo Carra was able to help.

The community was founded around 1875 soon after Fort Calgary and rumours of the CP Rail (CPR) coming through Calgary got everyone excited. European settlers of Inglewood began splitting up the land as residential lots preparing to be nearby the proposed first train station in their community.

CPR saw the lack of free land for them to use and decided to jump across the river to make Calgary's first CPR station where the Calgary Tower resides instead. People and businesses followed, leaving Inglewood momentarily abandoned.

Inglewood managed to create an urban community mixed with wealthy company owners and investors to blue collar workers, each living and working in the same area as one another.

This was the beginning of what Inglewood is today: Eclectic and unique.

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Century-old homes are found in Inglewood where many residents attempt to retain the original facades.

At home heritage

Inglewood community association president, Gian-Carlo Carra says there was quite the debate about Inglewood's future housing since it is a heritage community. The big question: What examples should be considered the ones to maintain and repeat since the community has authentic heritage houses dating back to 1875?

Carra says the community association defined Heritage for Inglewood to be those that respect the mixed-use, human-scale community urbanism; have front doors onto the street; similar scale to existing homes; and create a nice transition between the public realm of the street and the private realm of the home.

According to 2006 Stats Canada results, Inglewood has 635 single-detached homes, 145 semi-detached homes, 27 row houses and 680 apartments.

Current area residences for sale include a new 974-square-foot condo for $439,900; single-family three bedroom, three bathroom for $429,900 and a bungalow with two bedrooms, one bathroom for $299,900.

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Calgary's zoo and bird sanctuary are here

An insider's guide to the hidden gems in Inglewood

by Jackie Hamilton, special to Metro Calgary

To me, one of the things that sets Inglewood apart is the number of second and third generation businesses — making it feel like a small town within a big city. It's also one of Calgary's most historic areas.

- **Deane House** — constructed in 1906; operated by the Fort Calgary Preservation Society. Open for lunch and weekend brunch. Outdoor patio looking onto the Elbow River open seasonally.
- **Crown Surplus** — at 10th Ave. & 11th Street, third generation business: Standard and hard to find military wear. Collects food and money for veterans each year. Check out the three house dogs.
- **Delightful Donuts** — corner of 1201 9th Ave. SE, name is circa 1960 as is the decor: No donuts, but the best Vietnamese subs in town. Also has western food.
- **Bite Groceteria** — across from Delightful Donuts: Fab selection of food items, cheese, dried goods. Serves sandwiches daily and has small four-seat espresso bar. Eclectic assortment of goods.
- **Tea Trader** (second level above Robinsons Camera) — Huge selection of tea; operating since 1993. Great grandfather of the owner Ted Jones owned a tea emporium in Wales.
- **Ironwood** – now in the old Garry Theatre: Live music venue.
- **Marshall Drugs** — third generation business: First and second generation pharmacists both work at the store presently. Recently demolished the original building and constructed a new building, which will also house Riva, the Eco store in the near future.
- **Spolumbos** — Three former football players opened Spolumbos after they retired from football 18 years ago. Best sausages on the market. Friendly staff. Always packed.
- **Oliviers Chocolates** — One of Calgary's first candy shops. Their chocolate factory is at a different location — Inglewood is their retail outlet. Great candy and chocolates, especially at Christmas, Easter and Valentines Day.
- **Eat Eat** — Great homemade food. Always busy. Breakfast is special.
- **Savor Fine Foods** — Great little store carrying unusual kitchen items and food products.
- **Village Cantina** — They have an outdoor patio and deck; great food and ambiance.
- **Inglewood Pool** — Second oldest pool in Calgary. Tucked away next to the old Brewery near 9th Ave. & 15th Street SE.

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Shopping, eating, nightlife: It's all here

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Left: A street musician performs in Inglewood in front of Sugo. Right: Rouge is a well-known high-end and intimate restaurant.

Inglewood's shops each have an expert within for whatever unique item they make or sell, but with so many different stores in the neighbourhood visitors may need some direction.

The community can take you on an adventure from mid-century hand-blown glass at Circa (1224A 9 Ave. S.E.) to hand-made chocolate at Choklat (1327A 9 Ave. S.E.) and everything in-between.

To sample the shops, Inglewood is hosting a Ladies Night May 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. where all things chic — fashion, health and wellness, food and specials — will be available at participating merchant locations.

Some of these merchants include Inglewood Wine Market, Perry Thompson Photography, Adorn Boutique and Kickaxe Guitars. Visit calgary-inglewood.com Events for more information.

Nectar Desserts owner, Rebekah Pearse says Inglewood has a way of transforming people once they've experienced it.

She proudly explains her shop, hidden away upstairs (1216 9 Ave. S.E.) gives people a similar experience with its handmade desserts and wine pairings. Pearse is a professional chef and sommelier who wastes no time to win over those new to Nectar (nectardesserts.com) with a killer mix of sugar, caffeine and alcohol.

Down the street at Knifewear (100a 1316 9 Ave. S.E.) shoppers can check out the Masakage Knife launch May 4 at 6 p.m. catered by Sugo with beer from Wildrose Brewery. See knifewear.com for more.

Galleries cannot be forgotten as there are so many in Inglewood boasting different genres and mediums.

To name a few, Arts on Atlantic (1331 1312A 9 Ave. S.E.), Galleria (907 9 Ave. S.E.), The Collectors' Gallery of Art (1332 9 Ave. S.E.) and Pith Gallery (1018 9 Ave. S.E.).

"Two of the top three restaurants of the city of Calgary are in Inglewood: Rouge (1240 8 Ave. S.E) and Capo (#4 1420 9 Ave. S.E.)," says Gian-Carlo Carra, Inglewood's community association president.

Even more to do in Inglewood includes the area's greenspaces. "The parks alone are off the scale," Carra says.

The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary (2325 9 Ave. S.E) has 36 hectares of wildlife reserve offering many walking trails to venture on to see hundreds of bird species.

To the northeast is the Calgary Zoo on St. George's Island and on St. Patrick's Island, Carra says there is disk golf.

What do you do in Inglewood?

• Jennifer Lavoie
Lavoie has lived in Inglewood for the past three years and really enjoys walking around the neighbourhood. She frequently takes in the community sites while walking her dog through the numerous local pathways and always admires the interesting architecture of houses unique to Inglewood. Pearce Estate Park along the Bow River is one of her favourite areas to walk though. She also likes browsing in the many shops and art galleries along 9th.

• Doug Taub
Taub happens to be a shop owner himself who takes in the sites and sounds of Inglewood during work breaks. He co-owns Bite Groceteria (1212 9 Ave. S.E.) and is happy that Inglewood feels like "a nice little homey refuge." He likes the intertwining of so many different businesses and how each block tends to take care of itself. "It's just kind of cool to be here."

• Lisa Mitchell and Keith Haskins
They enjoy Fair's Fair bookstore (907 9 Ave. S.E.), which is a huge store stocked with some of the most popular and/or obscure titles you'll ever find. They also like Crown Surplus (1005 11 St. S.E.), a store stocked full of authentic military items from the war to replicas made today.

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Neighbourhood revitalization
The number of residents moving into the neighbourhood has soared. For the first time in decades, the kindergarten in the local school is overcapacity for the upcoming year with 22 students. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Human scale urbanism

Mix use buildings and small space make for great area

MICHELLE LINDSTROM
for Metro Calgary

Inglewood's age and eclectic mix of a few thousand residents makes the walk-friendly district alluring to the other million or so Calgarians who don't experience the area daily.

When you have an area at a scale comfortable to walk through and multiple mixed-used buildings packed closely together, it makes for an exciting people-oriented place, explains Gian-Carlo Carra Inglewood's community association president.

Inglewood is know for walkablity

"It's human-scaled urbanism," says Carra, referring to the old method of building densely populated areas (i.e. Inglewood) before cars were popular.

He notes the region went through many ups and downs.

Just when the city thought of paving over the community that was left only with pawn shops and auto-related stores, residents fought back and the natural evolution turned these stores into antique and furniture shops — items Inglewood is still known for today.

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DaDe and Nectar, businesses in Inglewood

"We're creating something new to Calgary. We try to push the envelope and do things that are interesting and beautiful that Calgary hasn't seen before."
Greg Fraser, DaDe

As the community rose again, many people were drawn to it.

"In the history of western civilization, it's in the cities that arts and culture bloomed," says Carra, indicating it's no surprise Inglewood houses numerous creatives of all sorts.

Greg Fraser, co-owner and general manager of DaDe Art and Design Lab in Inglewood (1327 9 Ave S.E.) is one creative force in the neighbourhood.

DaDe is a half gallery, half furniture store with its owners — Fraser and Darcy Lundgren — using the large space for art shows and fund raisers in addition to general event rental space.

"We're creating something new to Calgary," Fraser says.

"We try to push the envelope and do things that are interesting and beautiful that Calgary hasn't seen before."

Fraser proudly notes that unlike many other furniture retailers in Calgary, their pieces are exclusive to them within Alberta and in many cases even Canada. The same goes for the art.

DaDe has been open since December '09 and will hold its grand opening on May 28, but Fraser says they're still working on the opening's details.

Meanwhile, Fraser says DaDe enjoys their business neighbours' support and hope to change a bit of the "small town within a city" thinking by possibly getting a few businesses to stay open until 9 p.m. at least one night a week.

Visit calgary-inglewood.com for a business directory of Inglewood pointing you towards the numerous galleries, furniture and art stores.

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Street performers ham it up at SunFest, the kickoff event for the Calgary Fringe Festival.

Soak up the fun at SunFest

MICHELLE LINDSTROM
for Metro Calgary

What would the summer be without a SunFest honouring the sun, the people and Inglewood?

Inglewood's fifth SunFest will be held July 31 in the community right on 9th Avenue between 11th and 14th Street, which will be shut down for pedestrian traffic for the day (11 a.m. on).

" It's our neigbourhood street party."
Rebekah Pearse, Nectar Desserts

"It's our neighbourhood street party," says Rebekah Pearse, owner of Nectar Desserts (upstairs 1216 9 Ave. S.E.), adding it's Inglewood's take on the Lilac Festival or Sun & Salsa Festival.

It's a growing event with 2009's attendance estimated at 30,000 with 200 vendors.

The street will be filled with music, artists displaying their work and street performers.

Inglewood's Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ) president Rebecca O'Brien says this year's festival has a new initiative to raise funds called Splash.

Each participating vendor will create his or her own non-alcoholic drink to be tasted by SunFest attendees who purchase a shot glass on site with proceeds going to charity — which charity has yet to be decided.

SunFest is the kickoff to another festival Inglewood plays host to: The Calgary Fringe Festival.

From July 30 to Aug. 7, people can see what the Fringe describes as "uncensored, non-juried theatre festivals."

O'Brien says the number of people wanting to be a part of the Calgary Fringe schedule is more than the number of venues available, forcing organizers to use a lottery system.

The luck of the draw determines where groups are set to perform, if they are chosen at all.

An interesting feature of the Calgary Fringe Festival is that 100 per cent of ticket revenue goes directly back to the artists.

See calgaryfringe.ca for this year's line up of lottery winners set to entertain. Over 150 performances (30 different productions) of local, national and international performance groups are scheduled to span the festival's nine-day event.

Calgary Fringe Festival starts July 30

SunFest takes place July 31

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Style

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Jumper to it

The one-piece is back and versatile as ever

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

The last time you wore one your hair was probably in pigtails, you had at least four missing teeth, and your family computer was the size of a small refrigerator.

Yes, we're talking jumpers. They're here, they're everywhere, and they're a more versatile alternative to the sundress. For tips on how to wear this one-piece staple and make sure you look sexy — not six — we turned to a pair of fashion experts.

CityLine style expert Lynn Spence happens to believe the jumper revival is a good thing. "Think of the things you can do with it," she says. "It's sort of a modified dress, but it doesn't feel like a dress so you don't feel so formal."

Spence suggests sticking to jumpers in darker, more neutral colours, like charcoal or black, and avoiding anything too feminine or ladylike. "First of all, wearing them with a delicate heel is a mistake," she says. "I would see them with a knee-length boot, or a chunky heel instead. (Also) you can't do a perfect little bag; instead try a messenger bag that goes from shoulder to hip, or something fun like a faux python skin bag."

Because jumpers are such a strong piece, accessories can often make — or break — your entire look. That's why Spence recommends going bigger and better when it comes to your jewelry. "You can do great strong silver and gold chain link accessories, big crosses, that kind of thing," she says. "And you can make it a bit pretty by pairing a chiffon blouse with a fabulous leather jacket."

As for choosing the right jumper for your body type, one size most certainly does not fit all. Spence advises sticking to an a-line cut if you're heavier on the bottom, and staying away from jumpers that skim the body unless you're narrow hipped.

Janine Furtado, marketing and press co-ordinator at French Connection, says her favourite thing about jumpers is the ability to go from day to night with a few simple change ups. "It's an essential piece because you can do so much with it, especially when you have a classic black jumper," she says. "Take it from the beach with a great pink straw hat and simple flats, then swap it with a necklace and some heels and you can easily go from day to night."

Whatever your personal style preference, you should be able to slip into a slinky jumper and still look like you graduated from junior high. That's why Spence is happy to see so many young celebrities like actress Elisha Cuthbert and singer Rihanna decked out in an array of one-piece wonders. "I think the moment you see them photographed on a woman, or you see them on TV and you see how amazing they look, streamlining them will make any woman feel more comfortable with them."

Printed jumper, $158, French Connection

Left: Denim one piece, $39.99, Winners

Below: Beaded jumper, $148, French Connection

Right: Theory jumper, $340, available at Holt Renfrew (Bloor Street and Yorkdale)

Jumper rules

Lynn Spence's jumper cheat sheet:

- Avoid anything too delicate or feminine
- Try big, chunky jewelry
- Stick with dark, neutral colours
- For a chic, breezy summer look, pair a jumper with a simple white T-shirt
- To dress it up, try a chiffon blouse, or a three-quarter length sleeve under a leather jacket

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ADVICE A flouncy skirt is one of the easiest ways to punch up a wardrobe. For a romantic look, pick one in delicate lace or airy chiffon in off-white or beige. Fashion-forward types may want to try bright colours or bold florals.

HOW TO WEAR IT Pair a frilly skirt with a white tee, tailored jacket and cowboy boots for an urban-country vibe.

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Cotton, Yumi ($85, 514-388-3569)

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THE STATE OF GRACE

Who is your favourite American designer? That's the question ELLE put to four Canadian couturiers to celebrate American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity, the Costume Institute's mega-exhibition opening May 5 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York (metmuseum.org). The show explores the development of American style, focusing on how feminine archetypes — from the wholesome Gibson Girl to the vampy Veronica Lake — influenced modern design.

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Conan dishes to 60 Minutes

Conan O'Brien will give his first post-Tonight Show interview on Sunday to 60 Minutes. As part of his $45 million exit deal with NBC, O'Brien was banned from giving any broadcast or print interviews until May 1. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Damon child

Matt Damon and his wife Luciana are set to welcome a fourth child to the family. Luciana, 34, is due in the fall. "Everybody's really happy," a rep for Damon, 39, says.

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Hole haunted by old Love

AlbumReviews

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Hole

Album: Nobody's Daughter
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●

IT'S HARD TO remember, but Courtney Love used to be a pretty good singer. She's more known for her unseemly antics these days, but in the mid-'90s she was one of grunge's more formidable songwriters. On her first record in 12 years, Kurt Cobain's widow amazingly taps into the Love of old. It's not as Nirvana-like anymore, but her throaty yell and druggy rock is mostly still in tact. It's hard not to pity Love — when she sings "I'm overwhelmed and undersexed … I'm too upset to show my face" you know the words really are coming from a haunted place in her soul.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Nobody's Daughter is the first new album from Hole in 12 years.

B.o.B.

Album: The Adventures of Bobby Ray
Label: Grand Hustle/Atlantic
Rating: ●●●½

BANG BANG YOUR Dead is one of those perfect little songs that'll be hitting your radio real soon — if it hasn't already. It's about nasty school girl gossip and betrayal. With a hip dance club beat and a saucy lyric that will appeal to all ages, it's hard to imagine not becoming a major hit. And Hannah Georgas' debut LP contains three or four more original tracks that could easily follow, each one showing that you don't have to dumb down the music to be popular. Comparisons have already been made to Serena Ryder, Emily Haines and Feist, which just goes to show this Vancouver singer-songwriter's amazing versatility. This is not just "good," it's an excellent debut.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Hannah Georgas

Album: This Is Good
Label: Hidden Pony
Rating: ●●●●½

ON HIS DEBUT album, North Carolina's Bobby Ray Simmons (a.k.a. B.o.B.) uses a mixtape format that diversifies track after track. His steez is fresh and fun, rapping about a girl who pays her taxes over R&B on Nothin' On You, bringing together both Paramore's Hayley Williams and Eminem for Airplanes, Part II and sampling Vampire Weekend with Janelle Monae on The Kids. B.o.B. does occasionally falter, trying to get high with label boss T.I. on Bet I and looking foolish as a balladeer on Lovelier Than You. But like Kanye and Kid Cudi before him, his boredom with simply being a hip-hop artist is an asset that should give us many more adventures as enjoyable as this one.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

As I Lay Dying

Album: The Powerless Rise
Label: Metal Blade
Rating: ●●●●

UNITING VIRULENT, PASSIONATE harmonies with forthright brutality, San Diego metalcore heroes As I Lay Dying (AILD) become even more dominant and ravenous on fifth full-length The Powerless Rise. A solid blast of hardcore-influenced metal, from its heart-stopping pace to ripping solos, growling vocals and imposing atmosphere, the album relentlessly hammers points home. However, the influx of inherent melody offsets The Powerless Rise's beastliness with an enticing sense of serenity, affirming that not only does this follow-up to Grammy-nominated 2007 effort An Ocean Between Us obliterate its predecessor's long shadow but confirms AILD as one of modern metal's most melodically vicious behemoths in the process.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Two Door Cinema Club

Album: Tourist History
Label: Glassnote/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THE FIRST THING you'll want to do when hearing Ireland's Two Door Cinema Club is pick out all the bands they've grabbed material from. There's Franz Ferdinand on Come Back Home, Postal Service on Undercover Martyn, Jimmy Eat World on This is the Life and the list goes on. Fortunately, the pastiche of rock influences work. The band has put together a bright indie dance rock record that's infectious and diverse. The familiar sounds (especially the Alex Trimble's Ben Gibbard-like voice) may be grating at first, but try to give this a chance.

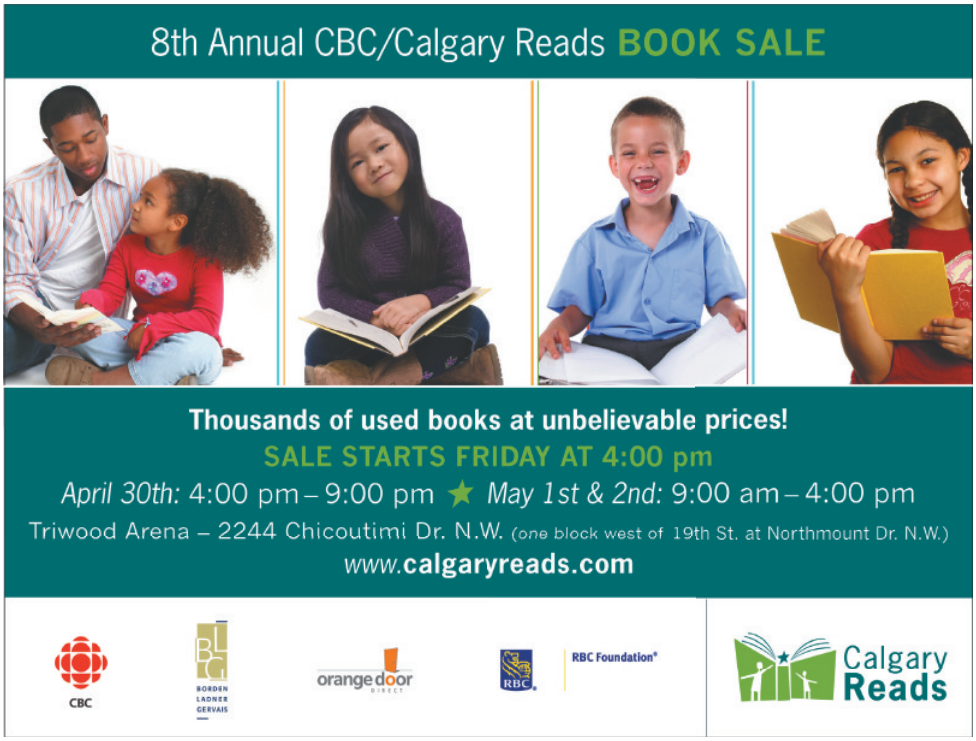
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Bullet For My Valentine

Album: self-titled
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ●●

WHEN BULLET FOR My Valentine released The Poison in 2006, it seemed as if everyone was into screamo/metalcore, so they didn't have to work too hard to appease the masses. Today, average aggressive rock just won't cut it and Bullet doesn't deliver. The songs are loud and polished, combining emo choruses, throaty yells, and speedy blasts of guitar and drums — it's catchy for sure, but unlike Alexisonfire, whose songwriting has dramatically progressed, these guys are churning out mediocre tunes that should only appear in a bad teen drama.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada



Ring in the 3-D
A third instalment of The Ring is to be made. Paramount is planning on making a 3-D version of the horror movie, which is being titled Ring 3-D. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Sandra Bullock adopted a baby boy in January.

Bullock adopting, files for divorce

INTERVIEW Sandra Bullock has filed for divorce from her husband, Jesse James, and is adopting a baby boy as a single parent.

"Yes, I have filed for divorce," the 45-year-old Oscar-winning actress said in an interview with People magazine, posted Wednesday on its website. "I'm sad and I am scared."

Bullock and James, 41, began the adoption process four years ago, the People article said, and brought 3 1/2-month-old Louis Bardo Bullock home in January but decided to keep the news to themselves until after the Academy Awards.

In the interview, Bullock said she is savouring her new maternal status.

"You wake up, you feed, you burp, you play, you do laundry," she said. "I'm still in that stage where I'm just amazed with him and at life."

The baby, called Louie, is named after jazz great Louis Armstrong, who had particularly touched Bullock with his signature song, What a Wonderful World, she said. The child was born in New Orleans, a city where Bullock and James had both spent time after Katrina.

Bullock said she and James sought to pull no strings as they submitted to the typically time-consuming screening process, with no thoughts to the gender or background of the child they might receive.

Bullock said she got the call that a baby might be available for adoption during what she described as "the media craziness of the awards season."

"Just the doctors' visits were filled with decoys and dark cars," she said. "People that I had worked with for years couldn't understand why I wouldn't let them into my house for (Oscar ceremony gown) fittings."

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Welcome to Haley's Nightmare

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Metro World News

Despite what his recent roles might suggest, Jackie Earle Haley is a very nice guy.

Since his career-reviving role as a child molester in Little Children, he's skulked the big screen as a misanthropic vigilante in Watchmen and mental patient in Shutter Island. Now he's taking over for Robert Englund as iconic horror villain Freddy Krueger in the new Nightmare on Elm Street reboot. But really, he's a nice guy.

Nightmare On Elm Street opens tomorrow

Jackie Earle Haley follows in the footsteps of Robert Englund in Nightmare on Elm Street.

"I think it's probably my physicality," Haley tells Metro as to why he keeps ending up in these sorts of roles.

"I also am drawn to characters that are kind of zingy. I don't have a lot interest to show up in stuff where the character's just kind of laying flat, just kind of there. I like stuff that's got kind of a real interesting arc."

While exploring Freddy Krueger's arc, Haley soon realized it wasn't like any other character he'd played.

"In my research, I started to go down this road of really looking at and getting serious about it," he says. That research included studying an encyclopedia of serial killers given to him by director Samuel Bayer.

"But then I realized, I'm playing a boogie man! I'm playing a mythical boogie man, a monster," Haley recalls. "I need to embrace that monster and embrace it inside this genre. It was incredibly freeing.

"The thing about him is he's not real. It's fiction," he says. "I embraced the fact that this guy is that character in a campfire story. For some reason we like to sit around in the dark around the campfire when you're out in the woods and stuff and hold the flashlight up to your face and giggle while we try to scare each other. That's what makes this genre fun."

Less fun was the idea of taking over for Englund, who played Krueger in eight films and one television series.

"He is synonymous with Freddy. You mention the word, we conjure that up," Haley says.

"For me it's not a competition. You can't compete with Robert. You just do your best and accept being second-place Freddy."

Of course, taking on the role also included more practical challenges, like the six-hour sessions in the makeup chair to capture Freddy's frightening countenance.

"You just kind of sit there. There's not a lot to do," Haley says of the morning ritual.

"You can't move much, not at all. I can't read because I don't have glasses. If I had really good eyesight, I could probably. It's a lot of just sitting there zoning, learning how to meditate."

"I am drawn to characters that are kind of zingy."
Jackie Earle Haley

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Community
The study group is divided after Pierce (Chevy Chase) crosses a line with Shirley (Yvette Nicole Brown), forcing the students to choose between the two. Britta and Jeff (Gillian Jacobs, Joel McHale) face a group of young bullies and their mother (guest star Lisa Rinna). Troy and Abed (Donald Glover, Danny Pudi) compile a "bucket list" of things they need to accomplish before they graduate in the new episode "The Art of Disclosure." 9 PM on CKAL, KHQ

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This compelling 1963 war movie, allegedly based on John F. Kennedy's naval adventures in the Second World War, has been criticized in some quarters for having more to do with Hollywood mythmaking than a credible history lesson. Cliff Robertson ("Charly") makes a suitably earnest JFK, heading up a cast that includes Robert Culp, Ty Hardin, James Gregory and Robert Blake. 6 PM on TCM

Meet Lounge hosting wine tasting

The Meet Lounge (924 17th Ave. S.W.) hosts a talk and tasting on Ceago, a biodynamic wine next Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For $15 tickets, call (403) 541-1041. ANDREE LAU/FOR METRO CALGARY

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Rating: ●●●
Dinner for two with drinks: $55
Signature Dish: Bucket o' bacon
Signature Drink: Hairy eyeball

The District looks like a regular pub, but this saloon focuses on locally grown, organic ingredients and dressed-up pub grub.

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Food is heavy, perfect to go with cold Brew Brothers, made-in-Calgary beer on tap.

The signature bucket o'bacon ($6.25) is the ultimate starter to share, literally a mini pail of mouth-watering, house-smoked bacon strips with maple syrup to dip.

The District's poutine ($7.95 small/$11.95 medium) makes an impression with crispy, hot fries, a burly gravy and real curds. Add-ons like duck confit ($5) and gruyere ($2.50) heighten the experience, but it does get costly.

A three-cheese grilled sandwich ($14.25) with that bacon again, basil garlic aioli and tomatoes is fabulous. But the price feels steep even if the side salad comes with a priceless Saskatoon berry dressing.

Beef short ribs ($9.95) slathered in Black Pilsner beer and mustard have good flavour but are not tender enough.

The District does some standout wings (25 cents each) including a flavour of "jalapeno cheddar bacon" that I swear makes the appendage taste like a cheeseburger.

There are almost too many cutesy touches, from chalkboard menus that require neck-straining (or waving down a server to wheel one over) to drinking jars, but The District means well and it makes good bacon.

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The District's poutine.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
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Dining out

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION Here is one great way to feel good about indulging in some delicious desserts. Participating Calgary restaurants, including Cactus Club, Alloy, and Olives, are donating 100 per cent of their dessert proceeds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation today.

WINE BAR AKA Wine Bar (709 Edmonton Tr. N.E.) is featuring a three-course chef's tasting menu for only $39 a person. The great deal only goes until this Sunday so don't miss out. Call (403) 984-7534 for reservations.

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Rivers goes for the (latex) jugular
Joan Rivers — who's famously had plastic surgery — supports Heidi Montag, who got 10 plastic surgery operations in a day. "I think she should have started sooner," she told usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

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Today, **NICK CANNON** adorably thinks the Lohans want privacy, **SAMANTHA RONSON** is tired, and **STEPHEN FRY** needs a trim.

@NickCannon We have to remember that at the end of the day this is a family matter that the Lohans have to deal with. All we can do is pray for them

@samantharonson All i've been thinking about since I woke up is how long til i can go back to sleep.

@stephenfry Oh dear. My hair is simply too long. I look like James May's twin sister.

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No wedding date set for Cowell

NOW WE'LL HAVE TO CONTINUE WAITING TO SEE HOW MANY IDOL CONTESTANTS WILL BE SINGING AT HIS RECEPTION Despite earlier reports that Simon Cowell and fiancée Mezhgan Hussainy would be tying the knot by September, the American Idol judge say there's no date set. "Wedding, what wedding? In spite of various people claiming to be making arrangements for our wedding, no such plans exist," Cowell tells Reveal magazine. "Nothing is concrete and I'm not making any announcement yet. Everything is fine though, and will be sorted soon."

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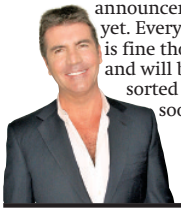

Brangelina wedding rumours abound

THE TABLOIDS FIGURE IF THEY KEEP WRITING ABOUT IT, THEY CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN. JUST LIKE IN *THE SECRET* Angelina Jolie reportedly asked Brad Pitt to marry her, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress — who earlier this month was reported to be preparing to tie the knot with her long-term partner — is said to have decided it was time to make Brad her husband during the couple's stay in Venice, where Angelina was shooting new movie The Tourist.

A source said: "Angelina has fallen in love with Brad all over again — and she wants to make it official by getting married. Once she made up her mind the only thing left to do was tell Brad."

Rumours are rife the ceremony will take place at Pitt's close friend George Clooney's Italian villa on Lake Como and the pair's oldest four children, Maddox, eight, Pax, six, Zahara, five, and three-year-old Shiloh, will have big roles on the special day.

Pitt's parents, Bill and Jane, are also said to be delighted at the news of the nuptials and are looking forward to seeing their son wed for the second time. His first wife was Jennifer Aniston.

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Lohan's dad has 'poisoned' her career, says insider

DADDY DEAREST Lindsay Lohan's dad posted on Twitter that his famous daughter has HIV, though he quickly insisted his account was hacked. But industry insiders say it's just another example of how he is poisoning Lindsay's once-promising career.

"Michael Lohan has put the last nail into Lindsay's career. It's amazing to see a father destroy the last remains of his daughter's career," a casting director tells Popeater. "Lindsay is a great actress who has problems, but make no mistake, her biggest problem right now is her dad."

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Courtney Love: I slept with pop star's hubby

EVEN MICHAEL LOHAN IS LIKE, 'WOW, I COULD NEVER SAY ANYTHING TO DAMAGE LINDSAY'S CAREER AS MUCH AS THAT' Courtney Love claims she had an eight-month affair with Gavin Rossdale and that his wife, Gwen Stefani, knows about it. "He was such an Adonis in his day! He got good in bed," Love told Howard Stern of her time with the former Bush front-man. "Something happened. Maybe Gwen taught him, for all I know." When Stern asked if this was when Rossdale and Stefani were already together, Love said, "Yes. She does know."

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'Dancing' co-star apologizes for insulting Gosselin

WHAT HE REALLY MEANT TO SAY WAS THAT SHE NEEDS A *PSYCHIATRIST* Dancing With the Stars' Louis van Amstel is ready to make amends with Kate Gosselin after saying she "needs a psychologist."

"I want to apologize to Kate. I really do. She grew on all of us so much," van Amstel told usmagazine.com. "What I was meaning to say is that dance is like therapy," he explained. "It's such a great way to use movement without having to talk about it — just move and go to a certain place. That's what I said and that was what Kate needed."

Van Amstel, 37, says "it was hard" for Gosselin, 35, to hear criticism from the judges. Bruno Tonioli slammed her for moving on the dance floor like a "shopping cart."

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Are Rihanna and galpal more than just friends?

WOW, SHE'S *SO* EDGY Speculation is swirling that Rihanna is a lot closer to her assistant, Melissa Forde, than previously thought. The pair have been getting affectionate in public, showing up to an after-party in Frankfurt hand-in-hand, according to Bossip. And Rihanna and Forde reportedly have matching tattoos. Rihanna has previously said in an interview, "All humans are born with the ability to be attracted to both sexes. I mean, I could see myself in a relationship with a girl."

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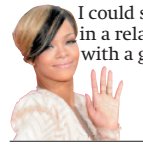

New Hollywood couple pretends to play coy

WHAT? THEY'RE ACTORS. IT'S WHAT THEY DO After sightings last week prompted speculation Josh Hartnett and Abbie Cornish are now an item, the pair seemed to confirm the rumours when they popped up at Channing Tatum's 30th birthday party in New York City, according to Page Six.

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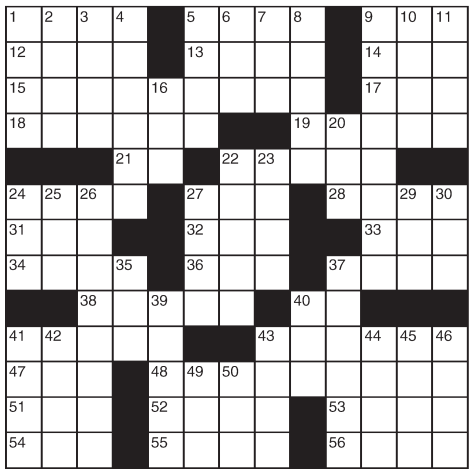

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

			2	3			7	
			5	9	7		6	
5					6	3		
6						8		4
			8		5			
1		4						9
		9	4					7
	6		9	5	1			
	1			7	3			

ACROSS

1 Amorphous mass
5 Soothing agent
9 Hoover, for one
12 Top-rated
13 Shaving cream additive
14 Supplement, with "out"
15 Romania's capital
17 Evergreen type
18 Trusty horses
19 Unaccompanied
21 "And I should care ... why?"
22 Shade
24 Skirt feature
27 Coach Parseghian
28 Took off
31 Barbie's companion
32 Lustrous black
33 Vast expanse
34 Tittle
36 Fool
37 Charon's water
38 Put forth
40 "I see"
41 Temptress
43 Obliterates
47 Praise in verse
48 Most gentle
51 "— Miserables"
52 "Holy mackerel!"
53 Stage presentation
54 Chow down
55 Actress Schneider
56 Turn on a pivot

DOWN

1 Talks and talks
2 Lummox
3 Never again?
4 Command
5 Saloons
6 Hearty quaff
7 — Angeles
8 Gold, silver or bronze
9 Kelley who played McCoy on "Star Trek"
10 Related
11 Unadorned
16 Commotion
20 Chatroom chortling
22 Top of a wave
23 Feedbag fill
24 Schuss
25 Writer Buscaglia
26 Bankbook bonus
27 Not shut tight
29 Tina of "30 Rock"
30 Levy
35 Pink-slip
37 Musical notes
39 Go in
40 Raw rock
41 Dover fish
42 Concept
43 Vortex
44 Vend
45 Birthright barterer
46 Eyelid woe
49 Swelled head
50 Historic war zone, for short

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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3	8	7	5	9	2	1	6	4
1	2	6	8	4	3	7	5	9
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2	3	8	1	5	4	6	9	7
5	4	9	7	6	8	3	1	2
6	7	3	4	8	5	9	2	1
8	9	2	3	1	6	4	7	5
4	1	5	9	2	7	8	3	6

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Finger-lickin' Ribs

INGREDIENTS:
1 to 1.5 kg pork loin back ribs or spareribs, cut into 2-rib portions
1 medium-size yellow onion, chopped
1/4 cup orange juice
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 tbsp molasses
1 tsp grated orange rind
1/2 tsp dry mustard
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/8 tsp ground cayenne pepper

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Place pork ribs, bone side down, in large shallow baking pan. Bake for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours or until tender. Drain off fat.

2. Meanwhile, in small pot, combine onion and orange juice.

3. Cook over moderate heat 5 minutes or until onion is tender.

4. Stir in chili sauce, molasses, orange rind, mustard, cloves, and cayenne pepper. Bring to boil.

5. Set aside half of chili sauce mixture. Brush ribs with some of remaining chili sauce mixture.

6. Bake for 15 minutes more, brushing once or twice with chili sauce mixture.

7. Serve ribs with reserved chili sauce mixture.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Imagine that you are a completely different person. That's a lot of imaging for one day but what you learn about life will be worth the effort.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The idea of changing your routines may give you nightmares but today's cosmic picture urges you to look at arranging your affairs differently.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Act as if what you imagine today will be your reality tomorrow. Don't ask yourself what is possible, ask yourself what it is you really want to do.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
This will be an exciting day for you, the kind of day when you discover new things about the world and the people you share it with.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Where do you really belong? What do you most want to be doing? These are the kind of questions you will be asking today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
"Passion" and "Virgo" are not words that always go easily together but something or someone will inspire you today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini makes this one of the best times of the year for you, but other aspects warn that your ego is fragile.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You feel good about yourself at the moment. You always feel good when you're in love.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You may be in tune with the spirit of the times but not everyone wants to move ahead a breakneck speed. Accept that fact today.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
What inspires you? Whatever it is that is what you should be focusing on now, even if it means neglecting other things for a while.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
It may seem as if you are moving in one direction and loved ones are moving in the opposite direction, but looks can be deceptive.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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1707 – Scotland and England unified in United Kingdom of Great Britain.
1953 – The first U.S. experimental 3D-TV broadcast showed an episode of Space Patrol on Los Angeles ABC affiliate KECA-TV.
1967 – After refusing induction into the US Army (citing religious reasons), Muhammad Ali is stripped of his boxing title.
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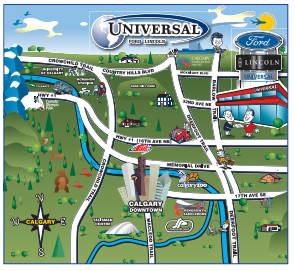

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